

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Elmore County

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## Accomplishments

1. Continuation of Boys and Girls Club, currently serving an average of 83 youth per day during the school year. Over 200 youth on the roll.
2. Expansion of summer lunch program in collaboration with Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, and SOAR through Montgomery County by adding sites at Kids Journey, Skate Zone, and Crenshaw Park.
3. Expansion of Crenshaw Park summer enrichment. Now serving 50 youth and an Enrichment Teacher is on-site for music, math, and reading.
4. Continuation of partnership with Job Corps.
5. Continuation of the Elmore County Family Support Program, a program to reduce the number of juveniles committed to the Alabama Dept. of Youth Services.
6. Continuation of Juvenile Redirection Program housed at the SOAR building, used to help develop coping skills for youth.
7. Collection of school supplies distributed to school counselors for at-risk youth.
8. Continuation of efforts to halt the illegal sale of and provide education regarding synthetic marijuana, 'incense' and 'bath salts' that are marketed to teenagers as a legal drug.
9. Anti-Bullying programs taught at the middle school level.
10. Anti-Bullying program in Tallassee with national speaker Phil Chambers.
11. Anti-Bullying tool kit provided for counselors throughout all Elmore County Schools.
12. Continuation of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library by providing applications to all qualified children in Juvenile Court (dependency petitions) and through DHR.
13. Continuation of the Cooperative Parents program through the Alabama Parent Education Center for all divorcing parents.
14. Advanced placement program to provide Pre AP classes at Wetumpka Middle and Millbrook Middle and continuation of AP classes and dual-enrollment at high school levels.
15. Continuation of a Life Skills program at Holtville Middle School and Eclectic Middle School for 6th

and 7th grade students.

16. Expansion of Life Skills program to include 8th grade students at both Holtville and Eclectic Middle Schools.
17. Presentation of Party Time, a program designed to counter drug and alcohol use among school aged children at Wetumpka High School, Tallassee City Schools, and Millbrook Middle
18. Expansion of the Too Good For Drugs program to include Wetumpka Middle, Millbrook Middle, and Southside Middle.
19. Distribution of Social Hosting brochures to parents and other adults, along with increased road checks.
20. Continuation of Compliance Checks on locations that sell alcoholic beverages.
21. Continuation of summer programs and credit recovery. 28 students are enrolled in SOAR for summer 2013 and 4 summer school scholarships were awarded for local communities.
22. Continuation of all UPS programs.
23. Collaboration with National Guard Counterdrug, Wetumpka PD, and SOAR to collect unused or expired prescription drugs. 126 pounds were collected in April 2013.
24. Expansion of Rockin with Responders (formerly Cops and Kids) with a goal of 300 youth participating in Wetumpka. Collaboration with EMA, AirEvac, local businesses, etc.
25. Wetumpka Preschool will continue to receive funding for the Pre-K class. Purchased a smartboard with funds. Serve 18 children in the Pre-K class.
26. Relationship grants had over 600 adult/youth participate. ACES received Parents as Leaders grant.
27. Continuation of Parent Project, now in 9th year.
28. Graduated 8 youth from Youth Leadership Elmore County.
29. 4-H Summer Career Camp received a \$2,500 grant from Gulf States tourism to promote the summer tour of industries and careers.
30. SOAR Enrichment received \$2,500 to purchase I-Pads and Kindles, where 15 middle school students are currently receiving one-on-one tutoring in reading and math.
31. Revamping of the alternative school to a rehabilitation focus, with qualified mental health staff, highly qualified teachers, and a change to the physical environment.
32. SOAR afterschool program is serving 20 students doing credit recovery. There is a waiting list for students.
33. The Problem Solving Team refers up to 25 students for afterschool tutoring and enrichment at Millbrook Middle School, funded by SOAR and UPS grant.
34. Family Support received continuation of the DYS grant and served 18 families in group, individual, and in home settings.
35. Use of IT training room at Board of Education with Marilyn Winborn teaching computer skills under the broadband initiative in collaboration with the Extension Office.
36. WorkForce Development for Youth is exploring career academies to expand to Elmore County.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

School Safety: Intervene in school safety issues by providing support programs and services.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Boys and Girls Club established in Wetumpka Formal Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program for Tallassee City and Elmore County Schools Bullying prevention programs in conjunction with the Elmore County Sheriff's Department Enforced school discipline policies Freshman Academy for ninth grade students Boy Scouts Juvenile Redirection Program Summer community based youth programs and tutoring Additional monitoring for underage alcohol sales Additional Police details targeted for underage drinking with Millbrook PD and Wetumpka PD Cops and Kids, Millbrook Rocking with Responders, Wetumpka	Additional volunteers from the community to tutor and mentor youth

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Address bullying through programs sponsored by the school system, the Elmore County Sheriff's Office, the Elmore County Partnership for Children, and other entities.
2. Support the discipline procedures by the Board of Education regarding school fights through Elmore County Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Court, and/or Alternative Programs.
3. Present informational opportunities concerning cyberbullying and sexting issues to parents in the community. LONG TERM GOAL: Stay abreast of new and emerging over the-counter drug trends, new illegal drug patterns, and Drug Task Force concerns.
4. Presentations at schools by Lt. Dennis Hill addressing bullying. Parent Education Center materials to be distributed at school Open Houses.

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Increase the rate of education attainment for all youth.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
HIPPY-trained staff, including one Spanish speaking staff member. Summer community based youth programs and tutoring. Strong credit recovery program implemented within the school systems. SOAR Program, over 60 students participated and gained credits or received tutoring. Family Support program to provide in-home family based services. Partner with YMCA and Community Summer Programs Expand Job Corps. recruits from Elmore County. Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Stable funding for HIPPY staff and resources. Additional teachers for the SOAR Program.

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Enforcement of the Early Warning Truancy Program.
2. Continue the Kids CHECK Program.
3. Work with the Alabama Department of Public Safety to present a video program regarding drinking and driving to all Driver's Education classes. LONG TERM GOAL: Work to continue and expand the SOAR Program so that more students can take advantage of the program.
4. Community collection of school supplies to be distributed by school counselors to assist low-income students. Honor Society members to partner for Cram the Van school supply drive. Encourage at-risk youth to enroll in Job Corps. upon completion of high school.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Increase parental involvement.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<p>Elmore County Board of Education has provided the Parent Improvement Plan in past years. Elmore County Extension staff to implement the Parents as Leaders Program, established cybersafety information distribution for parents and grandparents.</p> <p>AOC Access to Visitation Grant (Elmore County Extension) designed to help non-custodial parents gain improved parental involvement skills.</p> <p>HIPPY Program.</p> <p>Parenting programs to encourage reading to young children. (Motherread )</p> <p>Dolly Parton Imagination Library applications are distributed to all eligible children in Juvenile Court and through DHR.</p> <p>Head Start/Early Head Start provided services to youngsters (ages 3 to 5) during the school year as funding allows.</p> <p>They are seeking additional funding for PreK Programs.</p> <p>Early Head Start expanded to include children of teen mothers to allow attendance at school.</p> <p>Counselors to make referrals.</p>	<p>Elmore County Board of Education employee to be responsible for coordinating program.</p> <p>Additional community involvement from businesses and individuals to support youth programs.</p>

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Continued HIPPY Program offerings

2. Implement Parent Involvement Plan through the Elmore County Board of Education.
3. LONG TERM GOAL: Seek innovative programs that promote parent involvement.
4. Seek volunteers from churches, Retired Teacher's Association, and the community to tutor and mentor the youth involved in after school programs.